

"The recent petition by BellSouth to limit FCC regulation and oversight of broadband is a blow to independent service providers and would severely limit what little competition remains for access to the internet and other services. I am concerned because, without continuing FCC oversight, the marketplace could be reduced to a single giant telecommunications firm (witness this occurring in other areas of media) and a single cable operator in each area. As a subscriber to wireless broadband via an independent ISP. I fear that my provider and other small competitors might be shut out and I would, therefore, be forced to contract only with SBC, limiting choice and allowing unfettered pricing increases, harming me as a consumer."

"The request by BellSouth is an attack on the only 10% or so of the market that the giant companies do not already control. It is anti-competitive and unfair. I urge the FCC to reject BellSouth's proposal."